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I know that Chris can't join us and I suspect Bob won't be able to either. (And of course Maureen won't be joining us until she's back☺)

## Agenda

1. Report from the First Assistants meeting – Mary Ellen
2. IRIS assessment plans for review by August 25<sup>th</sup> – please see attached
3. August 29/30 RTP change in plans
4. August 24<sup>th</sup> – Ken Wagner now attending Region 3 meeting with states – agenda attached
5. Changing IRIS from agency to office level weakness – see attached and explanation below – due August 25 to OCFO
6. ORD's implementation of the elevation policy – see attached
  - a. Elevation form under Quick Links on ORD@work
7. Okay to push deadline for special funding needs back to August 30<sup>th</sup> as opposed to the 25<sup>th</sup>?
  - a. ORD PFAS coordination meeting on the 29<sup>th</sup>
  - b. Could discuss at September 5<sup>th</sup> EC meeting
8. POC for monthly call with Wilmington NC mayor and county commissioners

- a. Attached summary of first call
  - b. POC for future calls – Samantha Linkins?
9. Round Robin

### **Moving IRIS from Agency to Office level weakness**

In 2009 ORD identified IRIS as a new agency-level weakness (see 2009 attachment) in our FY2009 Assurance Letter. Based on recent discussions with OCFO regarding ORD's FY17 response to IRIS as a current agency-level weakness, it was revealed that if ORD can provide sufficient rationale detailing 1) the progress made to address the 2009 issues we identified, 2) demonstrate the IRIS program has the proper internal controls and processes in place to avoid a recurrence of those issues, and 3) the program is working to resolve the remaining 2009 issues, EPA may agree to downgrade IRIS from an agency-level weakness to an office-level.

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